



Maryland Agriculture Data



Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JUNE 30, 2003

SUMMER FINALLY ARRIVES

Summer temperatures finally arrived in Maryland providing much needed warmth and sunshine for crop growth and development. Many farmers were in the fields day and night trying to get caught up with field work activities. There were **6.0 days suitable for field work** for the week ending June 29, 2003.

Many **corn** fields received a nitrogen application and corn stands are coming out of yellowing and growing rapidly. A small amount of **soybeans**, **sorghum**, and **cucumbers** were planted last week. The western counties of Maryland are switching from planting corn to sorghum hybrids because of a shorter growing season due to our wet spring. Some problems with slugs in corn and head scab in small grains are being seen.

Harvesting of small grains, **hay**, and vegetable crops has begun. **Barley** harvest jumped 35 percent this week to 37 percent. **Winter wheat** made progress this week with 90 percent of the heads turning color. Harvest of winter wheat is just beginning and will increase in the next week or two. Barley and wheat test weights are reported as being lower than normal.

This was the first good week to make hay. The first cutting of hay is almost complete in some areas and a few farmers have started their second cutting.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 29, 2003 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1998-2002
Small Grain Development:				
Winter Wheat Turned	90	52	100	99
Planting Progress:				
Cucumbers	54	50	79	87
Lima Beans (ALL)	62	43	78	77
Sorghum	50	41	98	92
Soybeans	45	41	88	80
Harvesting Progress:				
Barley	37	2	95	83
Winter Wheat	5	-	56	36
Strawberries	94	79	99	98
Green Peas	37	33	96	95
Alfalfa Hay 1 st Cutting	83	42	100	100
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting	14	2	66	45
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	72	35	100	98
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	5	-	32	32

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 29, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	8	22	33	33	4
Soybeans	7	18	54	18	3
Sorghum	-	-	-	41	59
Pasture	-	4	29	42	25

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 29, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	67	33
Topsoil (2002)	19	42	39	-
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	65	35
Subsoil (2002)	26	52	22	-

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